# SCHOOL BOARD

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

# MINUTES

## School Administration Building

## School Board Room

**September 8, 2026**

**This meeting was livestreamed and can be viewed through the link below:**

https://www.youtube/@VirginiaBeachSchools

Meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

1. **Attendees:** Dr. Alveta Green, Chair, Rose Dwyer, Melinda Rogers, Joel Andrus, Cheryl Woodhouse, Laura Beth Mattson, Anna Cleveland,

   Kamala Lannetti participated virtually.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

   Motion to adopt the agenda made by Melinda Rogers. Second by Rose Dwyer.

   Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

   Motion approved.

## 3. Approval of July 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

No changes were requested. Motion to approve the July 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes made by Melinda Rogers. Second by Rose Dwyer.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Motion approved.

## 4. Old Business – Legislative Breakfast

The Committee discussed the date and location for the annual Legislative Breakfast.

Date: December 3, 2026

Time: 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Location: Renaissance Academy

Backup location: Plaza Middle School

The Committee discussed potential student/program presentations at the event, including the Renaissance Academy welding lab and Plaza Middle School planetarium

## 5. New Business

### A. 2027 VBCPS Legislative Package

The Committee discussed the timeline for developing the 2027 legislative package.

An email had previously been sent requesting proposed legislative priorities; no submissions had been received as of the meeting. A reminder will be sent requesting input.

Proposed legislative priorities/package information will be presented to the School Board on November 10. Final approval of the legislative package is scheduled for November 23. The Committee discussed the need to update/refine the package at its upcoming meetings before it is presented to the School Board.

The Committee's next meeting is October 2.

**B. Meeting with the Legislative Delegation**

The Committee discussed planning for the meeting with the Virginia Beach legislative delegation.

The agenda for the delegation meeting will focus on the legislative package. The delegation meeting is planned for December 3 in conjunction with the Legislative Breakfast. Additional details and the agenda will be finalized as planning continues.

**6. New Matters**

**A. Immigration/Law Enforcement Issues**

Dr. Green asked whether there were any additional questions following the information previously provided.

Ms. Dwyer raised concerns/questions regarding:

- Policies and procedures related to immigration matters;
- Procedures involving law enforcement;
- How schools should respond if ICE comes onto school property;
- Policies regarding discrimination and citizenship status; and
- The relationship between federal requirements and state/local policy.

Kamala Lannetti discussed existing procedures involving law enforcement and policies related to discrimination and citizenship status. The discussion also touched on the roles of the Governor, police/sheriff, and federal authorities/ICE and the need to distinguish between federal law and state/local policy.

The Committee indicated that guidance should be more specific regarding what schools should do if ICE comes to a school.

**B. VSBA Legislative Update**

Melinda Rogers reported that the VSBA legislative delegation/package update had not yet been received. There was discussion about whether there would be enough time for the Legislative Committee to review the information before taking recommendations to the School Board. The VSBA delegation/conference is scheduled for approximately October 17. The legislative conference is expected to include a virtual participation option. The VSBA legislative package remains open for proposed legislation/input.

Cheryl Woodhouse will follow up with R. Tornetto regarding legislative information from the VSBA conference.

**7. Next Meeting Dates**

October 2, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

November 6, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

There was also discussion of an October 17 legislative conference/VSBA event, with a virtual option anticipated.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:49 a.m.